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Poor upkeep of sewage treatment plants in apartment complexes prompts training of STP operators to check further pollution of city lakes

DEAD POOLS

350 STP operators have been trained so far

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Bengaluru is home to many residential apartment complexes and several of these dwellings have sewage treatment plants (STPs).

However, most of the STPs do not have trained operators for upkeep. As a result, chances are toxic effluents are still entering the drainage network and thereby freely flowing into the lakes nearby.

In order to resolve the situation, a few organisations have now come forward to train the operators of STPs across Bengaluru's apartment complexes.

STPs help to remove the contaminants from sewage to produce liquid and solid sludge suitable for discharge into the environment or for reuse thereafter.

In the absence of STPs, wastewater from toilets, kitchens, bathrooms and the like are directly entering the sewers. Many of the lakes and other waterbodies in the city have been taking in these affluents for a long time now.

One of the main reasons for the lakes getting polluted is the aforementioned sewage entering the waterbodies. Some of the neighbourhood localities near lakes do not have STPs, putting the lakes under risk with untreated sewage flowing in.

For instance, Bellandur and Varthur lakes have been frothing with all the sewage with effluents and toxic chemicals entering the waterbodies for years. At the moment, these lakes are under development; this has brought a sense of awareness amongst resident citizens that it is important to provide adequate training to the STP operators of the nearby residential complexes.

> **"Many STP operators don't have the expertise. Most STPs switch off around 6:00 pm...**
>
> — Jagadish Reddy, Varthur Rising

Member of Varthur Rising Jagadish Reddy told BM that many of the STPs either do not have technical operators or

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Law of the lake

Rampura Lake to get new lease of life after long; residents worried nevertheless

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has finally taken up rejuvenation work at Rampura Lake. According to the authorities, the lake will be revived as per BBMP's lake restoration model — desilted, bund restored, with embankment slopes, walking tracks and sewage diverted from the waterbody for good.

However, residents are skeptical about some of the aspects of the rejuvenation.

"There is deviation concerning the actual size of the proposed waterbody after restoration. Compared to the 2016 survey map issued by the BBMP, the size of the proposed lake is much smaller now. Moreover, the recent changes in the land-use type of the surrounding area are not in sync with the rejuvenation goals," said Arun Menon, a resident.

Notably, the lake had turned into a cesspool with continuous flow of sewage from across the city through stormwater drains. While the waterbody is in the process of getting a new lease of life after a long wait, locals are worried about some of the proposals of the BBMP. Under the lake development plan, the area around the lake will be converted into a park, recreational space and social forest. However, residents are vexed about this beautification aspect.

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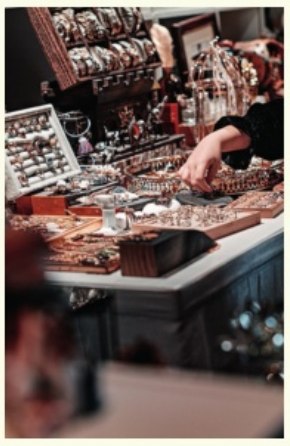
3 THINGS TO DO

01 All about connections

Reves Gallery is back with an interesting concept 'Connections' which deals with visual, verbal, non-verbal transactions consciously and sub-consciously, while influencing human perceptions. Established artists along with city-based upcoming artists will showcase their creative pursuits through paintings, art performances, sculptures, video installations and digital augmented reality.
Where: Preview at Taj West End
When: March 19, 5:30pm onwards
RSVP: info@revesgallery.com

02 Carnival fun



Brigade Group is organising a carnival at The Arcade at Brigade Orchards on the 20th of March from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm. The carnival will have food trucks, various shopping stalls, games, and activities for kids. Entry will be from Brigade Orchards North Gate.
Where: The Arcade at Brigade Orchards
When: March 20, 11:00 am to 6:30pm
Entry: Free

03 Lovers, reunited

BLR Creative Circus presents Rubaru: the celebration of a reunion of two lovers – artists and audience – after a long poignant phase of separation. This show brings back to stage the romance of live performance, through an interactive format inter-woven with soulful music, dance and poetry by Vidhya Gopal, Shinjita Roy, Alok Ranjan Srivastava and Tamal Pandey.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb
When: March 18, 7:30pm
Tickets: https://imojo.in/rubarublrcreativecircus

Life brutally cut short: Pothole kills 24-yr-old

A 24-year-old man has become the latest victim of a pothole in the city. Ashwin, a private firm employee, was on his bike and unable to avoid the pothole at Muneshwara Layout near MS Palya at 9.30 pm. He had a nasty fall and was severely injured. Onlookers rushed him to hospital where he was declared dead.

On Monday, Ashwin's friends and neighbours staged a protest at the accident spot demanding legal action (above left)

Ashwin's mother also filed a complaint with the Yelahanka traffic police accusing BBMP and BWSSB for negligence leading to the death of her son, the sole breadwinner of the family. BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "I have got a preliminary report. We will check who is responsible and take action." Sources said an FIR was filed against BBMP officials. But, Gupta said the area was damaged due to BWSSB work. After the accident, workers were seen filling up the pothole (above right).

They can't walk the talk in Cubbon Park

Members of Cubbon Park Walkers' Association fume over illegal construction going on in the park; seek High Court's intervention

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The Cubbon Park Walkers' Association (CPWA) are up in arms over what they claim is illegal construction happening inside the park. Association members have written to the Cubbon Park police station to take action against the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association for allegedly flouting norms and carrying out such activities.

The association requested authorities to stop them immediately. They further alleged that despite the order given by the High Court to not allow any such activity inside the park in 2001, the rule is being openly flouted by offenders.

President of the association, Umesh Kumar, has written to the Circle Inspector of Police, Cubbon Park Police Station and a copy of the complaint has also been forwarded to the Registrar, Karnataka High Court, Commissioner, Bangalore City Police, and DCP, Bangalore Central.

The walkers' association was the original petitioner that had filed a PIL with the Karnataka High Court against the illegal activities and the matter is still pending in the High Court. But the association has observed that some sort of construction is still happening.

"The case is still pending in Karnataka High Court against a couple of buildings in the premises. Without permission, the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Court Association are allegedly continuing construction activities. They are legally bound to take permission from the High Court," said Kumar.

A regular walker in the park said he has been seeing various construction activities.

"Some renovations near the club are going on but we cannot see it completely, as the whole area is covered with a green net. With Smart City work also going on, it is possible to miss the incoming trucks," said a member from the association on the condition of anonymity.

The work has made the park a visual horror, claim walkers

> **Without permission, the association is allegedly continuing with the construction work**
> – Umesh Kumar, President, CPWA

Noting that this amounts to contempt of court, Kumar, who is also an advocate, said that he would also be bringing this incident to the notice of the High Court and call for filing charges of contempt of court against the tennis association.

Converting waste to wealth

The Covid pandemic made masks a new reality of life. This, however, also resulted in careless disposal of masks on roads and other places. A group of volunteers have joined hands to give used masks a new lease of life.

The N95 masks are being converted into planter boxes. These masks were recycled and can help grow a plant in one's balcony or home. They are also painted with colour sprays to look more beautiful. Coir, mud and other waste were added and converted to a planter.

Gotama Gowda of Caremore Foundation said, "There would be at least one shoe in your home which isn't used. You can make your own pot out of your own shoe." Bottles, tins and tyres etc can also be used while tyres are useful to keep on the terrace for birds t during these summers where they feel thirsty, he added.

Arun P Murthy, who works as a senior consultant in an MNC, reiterated the importance of youngsters being involved. "Kids should be guided on all these educational things. This will also be fun for them and educational at the same time."
–Shreya BN

Recycled shoes and masks converted into pretty planters

Sticks & stones: Perils of being a pet-owner in city

Avalahalli pet owner claims fellow resident harassed him, dogs; accused files counter FIR

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A case has been filed against a resident of an upscale apartment complex in Avalahalli, for allegedly harassing and manhandling a pet owner of the same apartment complex. The case was filed on Sunday night, after the resident, is said to have indulged in a physical fight with the pet owner.

On the night of March 13, Krishna K (name changed) was walking his two pet dogs in the common area of his housing society when another resident of the complex approached him. According to Krishna, this resident got into a verbal scuffle with him, which later turned into a physical fight. As the dogs came running to Krishna's rescue, the animals were pelted with stones, causing multiple injuries to them, Krisha said.

Inset: Pic of Yuki, one of Krishna's dogs who was allegedly assaulted by a fellow resident

The incident has shaken Krishna, who says he is being constantly harassed for having pets by some members of the apartment complex since he moved in six months ago. Stupefied, Krishna immediately registered an FIR at the nearest police station.

"I have recently moved here, and I am aware that there is a group of people who do not like animals. Therefore, I started taking my dogs to the common area only during odd hours when it is empty. However, this group took objection to that too and began harassing me over messages. They also sent a legal notice to the builder saying that animals should not be allowed in the apartment complex. I live on the 19th floor with two dogs and there have been instances when I have been told to not use the service lift while I am with the dogs," said Krishna.

Tired of constant harassment, Krishna reached out to People for Animals (PfA) for support and guidance.

"We got to know that the Resident Welfare Association (RWA) of the apartment complex had an issue with pet-owners residing in the apartment complex. We reached out to the then RWA and immediate action was taken by the management. The old RWA was dissolved, and they formed new management with pet-friendly bylaws. However, a few members of the apartment complex continued harassing pet parents every time they spot them with their pets in the common areas," said Tarun Agarwal, anti-cruelty officer, PfA.

> **A few members of the apartment complex harass pet parents every time they spot them with pets in common areas**
>
> –Tarun Agarwal, anti-cruelty officer, PfA

After the physical scuffle on Sunday night, Tarun has been helping Krishna with the case. However, the duo was left surprised when they were informed by the police that a counter FIR had been registered against Krishna by the accused, who allegedly abused him and his dogs on Sunday evening. "This is a false FIR and can be easily quashed, but the police should have looked at the video evidence before filing the counter FIR against Krishna. However, it is a case of animal cruelty as the dogs were also injured. We have filed a case under IPC sections 504, 505 and 506 for PCA sections 428 and 428," said Agarwal.

According to Prakash, SHO, Avalahalli Police station, a case has been filed by both the parties and an investigation is underway.

City on guard ahead of hijab ruling

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In the wake of the High Court judgement regarding the hijab row, the police commissioner on Monday clamped prohibitory orders in the city for the next week.

Kamal Pant, who held a meeting with senior police officers to discuss the security measures to be taken in light of the high court judgement, issued orders on Monday.

Schools, colleges, educational institutes and other sensitive areas have been provided with police security and patrolling has been intensified to ensure law and order in the city.

The High Court complex has also been provided with tight security cover. Jurisdictional DCPs have been put in charge to supervise the security measures and step up patrolling. As many as 40 platoons of reserve battalions have been pressed into service. Hoysala and local police have been directed to step up patrolling too.

The command centre and officer of the rank of DCP have been deployed to keep a tab on social media and monitor the reactions after pronouncement of the judgement, including gathering, celebrations and protests.

"In order to maintain peace in the city, it is considered appropriate to issue prohibitory orders for one week to ban gatherings, agitations, protests, celebrations of any type in any public place in the city," Pant said.

HC to pronounce hijab row judgement today

The High Court bench, headed by Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, is slated to pronounce the judgement on the hijab issue on Tuesday morning.

The matter has been listed in the first half of the day. The three-judge bench, which also comprised Justice Krishna S Dixit and Justice Khaji Jaibunnesa Mohiyuddin had reserved the matter for judgement earlier after hearing arguments and counterarguments.

Six students from the Udupi Pre-University College for girls had started a protest over being refused to enter classes wearing a hijab, and the protest spread to other districts to become a major controversy, and even led to tension, as some Hindu students started coming in saffron shawls.

The girls approached the High Court demanding they should be allowed to enter classrooms while wearing hijabs. As it issued interim orders that no hijab or saffron shawl is allowed in the schools and colleges, petitioners have challenged this in the Supreme Court. However, the apex court refused to hear the matter and asked the petitioners to seek relief from the High Court.

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

ALCOHOL IS NOT GOING TO SAVE US FROM COVID

THE CLAIM

From the day the WHO announced that using hand sanitisers can protect people against the corona virus, some started to believe that drinking alcohol can be helpful to kill these viruses in the body. TikTok, Instagram and other social media websites were buzzing with funny, ironic and sometimes, misleading videos where users promoted drinking alcohol to prevent the virus from entering their bodies.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

Alcohol will reduce your immunity and can be more harmful if you catch Covid-19, the WHO website states. "No, drinking alcohol does not protect you from coronavirus infection," the WHO makes it clear. "Alcohol should always be consumed in moderation and people who do not drink alcohol should not start drinking in an attempt to prevent the infection."

BUST FAKE NEWS WITH MIRROR

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TOPCOMMENTS

Preach, readers

Commenting on our story 'Stop judging women by clothes', which quotes actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu encouraging fans to not judge women by what they wear, BM reader Ganapathy K wrote: "True… indeed."

"Making snap judgements about a person based on the clothes they wear is the easiest thing one can do. Now that we are in 2022, can we please stop judging a woman based on the hemlines and necklines and focus on instead bettering ourselves?" the actor wrote responding to trolls on social media.

Ganapathy wrote commenting on BM's story that one must not judge others based on what clothes they wear or what colour their dress is but instead focus on their way of speaking and what they say.

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Flyover work stops, workers left in lurch
- You may protest, but only quietly and at Freedom Park
- The Dog-matrix

Piece by piece it pokes at motorists' peace

Years of neglect later, a portion of Doddamara Road was asphalted; remaining work began in Feb, but is paused midway

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After receiving multiple complaints regarding the pathetic condition of Doddamara Road in Chikkanayakanahalli – which has been in a bad condition for a couple of years – the authorities concerned began asphalting it in February. However, the citizens' joy over the victory, getting the stretch fixed, was short-lived; the work has been paused.

The 3.5-km stretch is a significant road. Residents of nearby localities can use it to commute to Sajarpura, Electronic City and Whitefield. However, most find it difficult to commute on this stretch due to its current state.

The residents pointed out the road, which was in a bad state, was dug by BWSSB in July, last year, to lay pipelines, which made it worse.

The stretch is said to be under two constituencies, Mahadevapura and Anekal. While a portion of it (1 km) has been asphalted by the Mahadevapura constituency, the rest is yet to be fixed. The Panchayat officials from Anekal, had started the asphalting work in February, but it didn't go on for long and had to stop. So a portion of the road has remained unattended for nearly a month now.

A portion of the road was restored but this stretch is in a bad condition. It is also covered in dust due to the paused projects

A resident of Chikkanayakanahalli said, "They had started asphalting from Inner Circle to Doddamara. However the road work stopped and now we are facing problems. We have been asking for a good road for years. The road comes under the public works department, but they are not carrying out the fixation, instead we are told BWSSB is taking up the fixation. However, there is a delay from their end, which has caused the works to stop. There are several schools and apartments here. Many people use this road. It is very risky for us. As the work has stopped midway, there is so much dust."

> **There are several schools and apartment complexes here... Many people use this road. It is very risky for us. Plus, the road is covered with a lot of dust**
>
> –A resident of Chikkanayakanahalli

Another resident said, "We are told the contractor who was appointed to carry out the work has been quoting a higher price. The officials stated they will have a meeting on Tuesday with the contractor and other officials to lower the price. Once that's done, the work will be resumed."

Residents said no fixed timeline has been announced regarding when the remaining work will resume and are clueless about when the work will be completed.

A Panchayat official told BM, "The delay is due to BWSSB as it is still carrying out the work of laying underground pipelines. The work is slow. Once that is completed this week, we will start asphalting the road next week."

Rampura Lake to be restored

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"BBMP is planning a children's park and a small social forest around the lake. Although we have opposed this idea but have only received stoic silence from the civic body. From a conservation perspective, beautification of waterbodies is not justified. It does not make sense to have large well-lit areas and concretised spaces around the lake as it will disturb the urban wildlife. A case in point is the rejuvenation of Mahadevapura Lake. They installed very powerful LED lights around the waterbody and it has now impacted the urban wildlife," said Menon.

While the lake had been receiving sewage through stormwater drains for years, garbage dumping has been yet another issue. Residents claim that a sizeable area around the waterbody has been levelled, after a huge amount of garbage dumping, and was added to the surrounding private properties.

"There stood a vast lake here once. However, the waterbody and wetland have now been reduced to a minimum. A big chunk of the lakebed has been levelled and there are 'land on rent' boards put up. The surrounding area is polluted with garbage strewn all over," lamented Ayyappa Samy.

However, many others living in the periphery of Rampura Lake are breathing a sigh of relief. Residents around the lake had earlier complained of the stench from the lake that had made the air unbreathable.

"We were fed up with the sewage water and waste. The lake used to stink and attracted mosquitos, making it a health hazard. The sewage water collected in the open made it a breeding ground for various health issues. Moreover, it was on the brink of depletion. Rejuvenation work is indeed welcome," said another resident.

According to the BBMP, the lake is currently being desilted and work will be completed soon. "The work order to rejuvenate the lake was issued to us in February 2021; we plan to finish it by August this year. The waterbody will be restored on the lines of other lake development work that BBMP has taken up in the past. We will desilt the lake, create a bund embankment, put up slope pitching, build a walking track and divert the sewage. We have created a separate diversion drain; sewage will not enter the lake anymore. We will try to wrap up the work by July so that the lake gets water during the upcoming rainy season," said a BBMP official.

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Swachh a mess
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BBMP must clean up this spot if it cares for the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Black spot
DJ Halli

This spot in Kaveri Nagar is covered with garbage. The authorities concerned must clean it up.

Tree trouble
Fraser Town

The authorities concerned must pick up these branches from Lazar Road.

Indira Canteens all set for much-needed review

With the popularity of Indira Canteens dipping and costs going up, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to review the model.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "Last week, we had a review meeting of Indira canteen and discussed whether we should continue the model or tweak it. The biggest question in front of us is to ensure quality, hygienic and tasty food."

Gupta explained that they were planning to give contracts to only those agencies which have a good track record. The canteen would once again be discussed during the BBMP budget's meeting, he added.

Indira Canteens, the pet project of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah who had modelled it on the lines of Tamil Nadu's Amma canteen, was once a popular food outlet where breakfast would be served for Rs 5 and lunch and dinner for Rs 10. It was a big hit among students, labourers, and other common people.

However, recently, the footfall has reduced and politicians claim that the canteen which once provided tasty food is losing their customers.

In BBMP limits, there are 174 fixed and 24 mobile canteens. In the first two years, the food was distributed to 300 to 450 people twice a day. Now, only 50-100 people are eating food per day, explained an officer.

According to sources, the State Government completely stopped funding these canteens and the cost is completely funded by BBMP. Officials also add that earlier, there were exaggerated figures about the actual number of visitors to Indira canteens. "There was a misuse of funds with this. Now we have stopped this."

Even though the number of visitors has reduced, it is said that canteens are submitting inflated bills to BBMP. There are marshals appointed to each canteen to verify this and as per the report given by them, these bill payments are done by BBMP.

Sources also revealed that Rs 70 crore was being billed at the canteens. To cut costs, contractors reduced the quality of food. However, denying this, Gupta said that the dues were cleared regularly on a priority basis.

An ex-corporator said, "Earlier, the government was very keen on the quality of food. Ministers were visiting Indira Canteens and were forced to provide quality food. Now, no one from the government is visiting Indira Canteens. There must be a monitoring system for this."

– Prakash VL

Indira Canteens is known for serving very pocket-friendly meals

Palike being cautious on dismantling covid infra

The civic body says it would wait and watch in case covid spikes up again in B'luru

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Covid numbers may be at their lowest but BBMP says that it doesn't want to take any chances and dismantle the entire infrastructure which was set up to tackle the virus.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "A few experts are saying that Covid cases may increase in May and June and hence, we don't want to take any chances. So, we have decided not to dismantle the entire set-up."

A health expert agreed to this idea, saying that BBMP has taken the right decision of waiting and watching. After the first wave, many said that there would not be a second wave in India, only to have the health infrastructure strained like never before.

"Then, many assumed that it was the end of Covid before the Omicron-led third wave hit us. We can just hope that there should be no waves though it is always better to be cautious, given the nature of the virus which is very unpredictable."

Meanwhile, Bengaluru created a hattrick of having no Covid deaths in the last three days. This is the first time since the first wave struck that there have been no deaths for three days. The city also reported its lowest Covid tally for a day since June last year when only 61 Covid cases were reported while the total cases in the state was 106. The test positivity rate in the state was 0.45 per cent.

In another positive development, no Covid patient has been hospitalised since March 10. As of March 13, only 18 patients are still getting treated in the hospital including six in the ventilator and six in ICU.

Students from various colleges undergo a covid test at a government health centre

"Experts are saying that Covid cases may increase in May and June once again, and hence, we don't want to take any chances – Gaurav Gupta, BBMP Chief Commissioner

Another health expert said, "Since the outbreak of Covid, this seems to be the lowest case. We have not seen such low cases or zero death for many days even during the first or second waves. I request people not to take this lightly and forget Covid-appropriate behaviour."

Lowest case numbers in 680 days

Meanwhile, India reported only 2,503 new cases in the last 24 hours, making it the lowest in 680 days so far. With this, India's active caseload at 36,168 has become the lowest tally in 675 days. Active cases now constitute 0.08 per cent of the country's total positive cases. Consequently, India's recovery rate stands at 98.72 per cent; while 4,377 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours and the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) is now at 4, 24, 41,449.

There has been a sustained fall in the weekly and daily positivity rates too. Weekly positivity rate in the country currently stands at 0.47 per cent and the daily positivity rate is reported to be 0.47 per cent.

Metro work to go silent for students

The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has put a temporary stop on Namma Metro work during the night considering requests by parents who said their children were being disturbed while preparing for the examinations.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parvez made the announcement on Monday despite Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai giving a deadline for completion of Phase 2 Namma Metro work in Bengaluru by 2024.

BMRCL had been carrying out work 24x7 to expedite the completion of the work. However, the construction work has robbed the sleep of residents living in the surrounding areas and has also affected children preparing for exams.

The work had been stopped everywhere, including the important Silk Board - KR Puram route.

Citizens are now complaining about the loud noise caused by excavation for installing Metro pillars.

BMRCL now will reserve the night for transportation of required materials and equipment.

"BMRCL received phone calls from parents raising their concerns on the impact of Metro work at night on children. The kids are preparing for exams at their homes. Hence, we had asked them to suggest timings," Parvez explained.

"The Metro work will be carried out between 6 am and 10 pm. We have sought permission from the Additional Commissioner of Traffic Police Department to transport materials and equipment during the day," he said. **–IANS**

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It's a drone deal

Drones were the cynosures of all eyes at Innovation Summit 2022

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Drones exhibited at inauguration of the AI and Robotics Technology Park, ARTPARK located in IISC

With relaxations flying into the drone ecosystem, there is a mounting interest in developing drones and its applications. Out of 14 contestants in the Innovation Summit 2022, five were focused on drones.

During the official inauguration of the new AI and Robotics Technology Park, ARTPARK located in the Indian Institute of Science (IISC), contestants in the Innovation Summit 2022 showed considerable interest in drones. Five contestants were invested in building drone-technology related products.

The applications of drones are endless, ranging from agriculture to defence surveillance. Connected with the theme of the Summit, Connecting the Unconnected, the focus primarily lied on making these tech-infrastructures available even in the rural parts of the country.

The contestants were trying to solve various challenges in the drone ecosystem. One of the biggest challenges is their limited flight time and providing a solution was a prototype that automates charging through contact charging. With an increased interest in the field, there will also be a need to solve the new traffic in the sky. Providing a solution to that problem, another startup is essentially a navigation system for drones to avoid collisions. Some startups were also trying to make healthcare and medicine more accessible through drones. One startup was also invested in anti-drone measures to fend private drones flying in the red zone with the least collateral damage.

"Outside of the defence, sector, these drones have great potential in agriculture. Another sector with immense possibilities is geospatial mapping. Using drones we will be able to create digital maps with greater accuracy. Getting data on the topography, we will be able to make prompt and accurate decisions about building transport infrastructure to disaster-mitigation measure," said Prof Ashutosh Sharma, Former Secy, Department of Science and Technology.

At the event, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Amber Dubey said, "In August, we were able to liberalise the usage of drones and further we released the air space map. Around 90 per cent of Indian space is now available for drone flying. From a point of view of regulation, we will not be permitting cottage industries to develop around drones as the collateral damages from unsafe drones could be huge".

"In the urban environment, the biggest challenge will be to track these drones in the sky and develop measures to avoid collisions. We can also top this with traffic regulations to make drones usage safer. we also need to look at accelerating the development of more reliable and long-range drones to utilise in rural settings effectively," said Prof Suresh Sundaram, drone expert and a faculty at IISC.

TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman of Manipal Global Education was of the view that interest in the drone space is not new.

"In the Ukrainian invasion, western countries cut-off technology for Russia. To avoid a similar situation, we need to develop our own technology. There are around 500 startups on drones in India, some are struggling to survive and some have died. The new drone policy is a positive outlook on this matter."

Now, you can use FASTag to head to Tirumala hills

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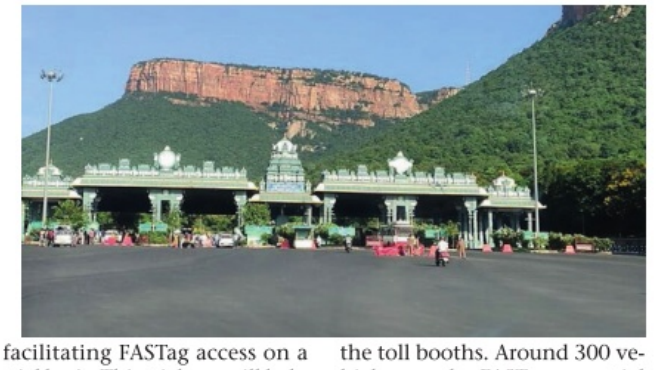

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is implementing a FASTag at its Alipiri toll plaza on a trial basis to provide hassle-free access to the devotees visiting Tirumala on a pilgrimage.

The TTD's vigilance and security wing led by deputy inspector general of police Gopinath Jatti held a series of meetings with the representatives of FASTag in the past and managed to bring Alipiri toll plaza into the cashless mode by facilitating FASTag access on a trial basis. This trial run will help the authorities to understand any technical glitches and fix it.

Currently, the trial run is restricted to two booths and will eventually be extended to all the toll booths. Around 300 vehicles use the FASTag on a trial basis. TTD officials said that the intention was to ensure that the devotees should not have to wait long to pay the toll in cash after they complete the baggage screening at Alipiri check point. Sources said that Alipiri has been witnessing a steep rise in vehicular traffic especially after the TTED started relaxing covid restrictions and steadily increasing pilgrim footfall.

"It is a great move as this will help us to have cashless and swift movement of vehicles all along. From Bengaluru, everything is done online — from darshan to booking rooms. We were wondering why cash payments were still accepted at Tirumala. We are happy that finally FASTag is being rolled out in the temple town," Badrinath R, a pilgrim from Bengaluru said.

Rise and rise of financial literacy among women

Millennium Mams, an organisation that empowers women through financial literacy in an effort to make women financially independent, hosted an interactive study on How Geopolitics And Politics Affects Your Investments by founder director Bishnu Dhanuka. The event generated much interest among the women from the garden city looking to achieve the financial goals.

The training is modelled on Warren Buffett's principles of long-term investing and is a combination of in-classroom and field activities.

Bishnu Dhanuka disclosed that many women are going places after gaining financial independence. "The organisation teaches you to make good and quality investments and the women are now proving a force to reckon with in the financial world."

Many members including some from the Bengaluru chapter had concerns on the impact of the Ukraine war on the markets and Bishnu Dhanuka provided the insights and strategies to combat the turbulent situations.

"The idea is to empower women with financial intelligence and it is working. Many academically brilliant women in the past shied away from playing their part in big financial decisions, but after our organisation started to tutor them on the finances, we have managed to slowly change the equation," said Dhanuka.

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Training day for STP operators

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the ones who are manning the facilities do not know how to properly oversee the functioning of an STP.

"It requires technical knowledge like that of an engineer; however, many STP operators who are deployed don't have the expertise. Most of them tend to switch off STPs in RWAs around 6 pm. What they do not understand is that even after 6:00 pm wastewater from apartments could enter the drainage and end up in the lakes, thereby polluting them," noted Reddy.

Organisations such as the Green Skill Academy which imparts training in green and sustainability sectors launched the programme to train STP operators. They roped in non-governmental organisations and other resident welfare associations (RWAs), alongside a set of experts to train the operators.

"Operating STPs in resident complexes involves huge costs — with human resources, machinery and electricity charges. So, many apartment complexes shut STPs down in the evenings. As many of the STP operators are untrained, we are now educating them on how untreated sewage from drains can flow into lakes," said Reddy.

So far, over 350 STP operators have been trained across Bengaluru in resident complexes in Mahadevapura and other areas. The drive had begun before the pandemic. Once the pandemic began, training sessions had stopped. Now the team is back in action and training of STP operators has commenced once again.

"Each batch will have around 45-60 operators. An expert shall train them both in technicalities involved and further skill development. This will help in proper functioning of STPs and will help save many waterbodies," Reddy noted.

Chandrasekaran is Air India chairman
N Chandrasekaran, the chairman of Tata Sons, has been officially appointed as the chairman of Air India, the airline entity acquired by Tata group from the government

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India may look at Russian oil offer

In the face of rising crude prices, country keen on discounts

#NEW DELHI

India may take up a Russian offer to buy crude oil and other commodities at a discount, two Indian officials said, in a sign that Delhi wants to keep its key trading partner on board despite Western attempts to isolate Moscow through sanctions.

US officials have said in recent weeks they would like India to distance itself from Russia as much as possible, while recognising its heavy reliance on Moscow for everything from arms and ammunitions to missiles and fighter jets.

India has not condemned the invasion of Ukraine and abstained from voting at the United Nations calling out Russia's aggression. Russia calls its actions in Ukraine a "special operation" to demilitarise and "denazify" the country.

One person within India's security apparatus said the West understood India's position, given that it needs to keep its armed forces well supplied amid simmering territorial disputes with China.

India, which imports 80% of its oil needs, usually buys only about 2-3% from Russia. But with oil prices up 40% so far this year, the government is looking at increasing this if it can help reduce its rising energy bill.

"Russia is offering oil and other commodities at a heavy discount. We will be happy to take that," one of the Indian government officials said.

The official added that such trade required preparatory work including transportation, insurance cover and getting the right blend of crude, but once that was done India would take Russia up on its offer.

The officials, who declined to be identified, did not say how much oil was on offer or what the discount was. The finance ministry did not reply to an email seeking comment.

Reuters has reported that Indian officials are trying to set up a rupee-rouble mechanism with Russia to continue bilateral trade.

Russia has urged what it describes as friendly nations to maintain trade and investment ties. Apart from oil, India is also looking for cheaper fertiliser from Russia and its ally Belarus, according to one of the officials.

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'COMPLICATED HISTORY'

Indian officials said they could not suddenly replace Russia with other suppliers, particularly in the defence sector.

India's dependence on Russia for its military hardware still runs as high as 60%, despite a significant reduction over the last decade. US officials have declined to say if India would be sanctioned should Russia send S-400 missile systems as part of a $5.5 billion deal signed in 2018 for five of them. Initial supplies of the system started late last year despite a U.S. law aimed at deterring countries from buying Russian military hardware.

Ely Ratner, US Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, told a US Congress hearing last week that India was diversifying its defence suppliers. "We recognise that India has a complicated history and relationship with Russia. The majority of the weapons that they buy are from the Russians," he said. "The good news is that they are in a multi-year process of diversifying their arms purchases away from Russia - that's going to take some time. But they are clearly committed to doing that, including the indigenisation of their defence industry and that's something we should support."

British Foreign Minister Liz Truss also said last week that London should pursue closer economic and defence ties with India to help it reduce its reliance on Russia.

Since 2011, New Delhi has cut its defence imports from Russia by 53%.

D Bala Venkatesh Varma, a former Indian ambassador to Russia, said New Delhi should not be expected to pay a price for a standoff between global powers. **— Reuters**

Retail inflation hits 8-month high of 6.07%

#NEW DELHI

Retail inflation hit an eight-month high of 6.07 per cent in February, remaining above the RBI's comfort level for the second month in a row, while wholesale price-based inflation soared to 13.11 per cent on account of hardening of crude oil and non-food item prices, government data showed on Monday.

The previous high for retail inflation was 6.26 per cent in June 2021.

The consumer price index (CPI) based retail inflation, which is taken into account by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) while deciding its monetary policy, rose mainly because of costlier food items, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

The RBI has been mandated by government to keep retail inflation at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation was 5.03 per cent in February 2021. It stood at 6.01 per cent in January this year.

In a different set of data released by the commerce ministry earlier in the day, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation in February rose to 13.11 per cent due to hardening of prices of crude oil and non-food items, even though food articles softened.

On the CPI front, the rate of price rise in the food basket was 5.89 per cent in February, up from 5.43 per in the preceding month.

The previous high for retail inflation was 6.26% in June 2021

In this food basket, inflation in cereals moved up to 3.95 per cent; 'meat and fish' to 7.45 per cent, while for eggs, the rate of price rise was 4.15 per cent during the month.

Among others, vegetables turned dearer with an inflation print of 6.13 per cent, and for spices it rose to 6.09 per cent. In fruits, the inflation remained static at 2.26 per cent when compared to the preceding month.

In 'fuel and light', inflation softened to 8.73 per cent as against 9.32 per cent in January.

Notably, RBI has not changed the key policy rate after May 2020, citing inflationary concerns and to support growth. **-PTI**

Rs 418.70 cr spent so far on Central Vista Avenue: Govt

#NEW DELHI

The government has so far spent Rs 418.70 crore on the redevelopment of Central Vista Avenue along Rajpath from Vijay Chowk to India Gate, and the first phase of the project is targeted to be completed by May this year, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Monday. On December 2, 2021, the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs had informed the Lok Sabha in a written reply that the redevelopment work was expected to be completed by December 2021 and the estimated cost was Rs 608 crore.

The Republic Day parade this year was held on the redeveloped Rajpath as the stretch required for the same was completed first under the Central Vista Avenue redevelopment project.

In a written reply to a question on Monday, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore said the entire Central Vista Avenue along Rajpath is being redeveloped from Vijay Chowk to India Gate. He said the major elements of the project are pedestrian underpasses, public facilities, parking, redevelopment of lawns, water bodies, walkways, lighting, etc. "The expenditure incurred till date is Rs 418.70 crore which is being met from Major Head 4059 of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The first phase of the project is targeted to be completed by May 2022," Kishore told Rajya Sabha. **-PTI**

Paytm Payments Bank denies China data leak report

#BENGALURU

Paytm Payments Bank, which facilitates transactions on mobile commerce platform Paytm, said on Monday all its data is stored in the country, denying a report that a ban on the firm taking on new customers was due to data being leaked to Chinese firms.

Paytm is backed by China's Alibaba Group Holding and its affiliate Ant Group.

Annual inspections by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) found that Paytm Payments Bank's servers were sharing information with China-based entities that indirectly own a stake in the firm, Bloomberg News had reported on Monday, citing a person familiar with the matter.

"Paytm Payments Bank is proud to be a completely homegrown bank, fully compliant with RBI's directions on data localisation. All of the Bank's data resides within India," the company said on Twitter.

The RBI did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. On Friday, the RBI barred Paytm Payments Bank from taking on new customers and ordered a comprehensive audit of its IT systems, citing "material" supervisory concerns observed in the bank, without elaborating further.

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The payments bank is taking immediate steps regarding the RBI's decision and is committed to working with the regulator to address its concerns, it said in a statement.

Paytm shares slumped 13% on Monday after RBI's move, with Macquarie Research analysts saying they expect a significant impact on Paytm's brand and customer loyalty and that the developments would substantially lower the chance of Paytm Payments Bank upgrading to a small finance bank.

Billionaire Vijay Shekhar Sharma, founder of Paytm, said in an interview with television channel CNBC-TV18 on Monday, that no government body had raised any concerns on data sharing or access issues with the payments bank.

Paytm Payments Bank has over 300 million wallets and 60 million bank accounts, according to its website. **- Reuters**

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The power of makeup

What the art of makeup can mean

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A universal experience for girls growing up everywhere is the kajal conundrum. Often the first beauty product most young girls start wearing, it's also the thing whose absence will have everyone asking you, "Are you sick?" This happened with me repeatedly in college and led me to internalise – kajal has the power to transform my face.

When I first started working in a newsroom, spending 16 hours a day either chasing stories or writing them, I harnessed the power of nail polish. I painted my nails red when I was happy, black when I wanted to burn everything down, and every other colour of the rainbow when I felt other emotions with the intensity that only a 21-year-old can. No one knew about my colour code, except me, and it gave me a sense of power that I was able to express myself in some form. At 25, I channelled that power through red lipstick. One swipe and I could handle even the worst days. None of this was done to impress anyone else, let alone a boy, which is why it confuses me when people say that makeup on women can signify the opposite of power, that it means we're trying to hide behind a mask.

Finding Your Power Through Beauty

How do you find your power? Does that sound like a loaded question? Power – always solicited, rarely bestowed – can be found in anything you want. No one will raise an eyebrow if you say that you find your power through ambition or your career, but try telling someone you find your power through beauty, through makeup and skincare and self-care. For people, that doesn't seem valid, for some strange reason. There's a reason why parents and teachers start freaking out when teenage girls start experimenting with makeup. These young women, who have very little agency, suddenly start asserting themselves in the only way they understand. They start finding their power, and that scares people. It's a catch-22 that no one can find their way around. If you put on makeup, you're insecure and hate your natural face. If you go barefaced, you're putting in zero effort. In some workplaces, wearing makeup will take you far; in others, it will ensure that you're not taken seriously.

When men wear makeup, they're told they "look like women". When women wear makeup, they're being "too much of a girl". There's no winning, because these arguments are made in bad faith to begin with. Of course, there's a conversation to be had about being comfortable in your own skin and not letting anyone dictate how you should look. There's also a conversation to be had about why women can sometimes feel pressured into wearing makeup even when they don't want to. But when a woman tells you she feels powerful when she puts on makeup, and you bring up these arguments, you are not helping the cause or making the point you think you are. For decades, women were sold makeup so they'd feel inadequate with their natural selves, until they reclaimed their personas as a way to have fun and feel powerful. Knowing that the thing that was specifically created to make you feel bad about yourself doesn't have that hold over you anymore, and is now a small aspect that adds to your happiness instead of creating it – now that's power.

Makeup As An Act Of Self-Care

One of the reasons people are so averse to equating beauty with power is that we're often told that makeup is a mask that people hide behind. But they forget that makeup is an art form and a skill that takes years to master. Ask someone who's watched a thousand YouTube videos before perfecting their winged eyeliner and they'll tell you how much blood, sweat and tears went into it. Why wouldn't they feel powerful after that? Or joyful? Is it possible that the act of applying makeup or doing skincare is not rooted in hiding yourself but actually taking time out for yourself? We feel powerful when we put on makeup because it's what we've done to make ourselves feel good. There is something incredibly meditative about putting on serum after serum, cream after cream, and then spending 10 minutes perfecting your eyeliner. For someone who's hustling and on the go 24/7, this could be the only time they stop to take a moment for themselves.

People don't buy that women put on makeup for themselves. They often worry that women mislead men with makeup and make them fall for an idealised version of themselves. Besides the fact that there's nothing wrong with putting in a little extra effort once in a while if you're invested in a relationship, no man is thinking that a woman has glittery green eyelids, so anyone who's worried for the men in this scenario can relax. But we're in year three of the pandemic and people are still putting on makeup, sometimes to get on a Zoom call and sometimes just to brighten up an endless Tuesday, so that should tell us something about whose benefit it's for.

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Exercise may help treat long COVID-induced diabetes, depression: Study

Exercise may lower inflammation that can lead to diabetes and depression months after a person recovers from SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes covid, according to a study.

Researchers at Pennington Biomedical Research Center in the US noted that it is unclear how many people infected by the SARS-CoV-2 virus suffer from Long covid, a constellation of other debilitating symptoms long after a person has recovered from the disease.

However, estimates range from 15 per cent to 80 per cent of the people infected with the virus suffer from the condition, they said. "We know that Long COVID causes depression, and we know that it can increase blood glucose levels to the point where people develop diabetic ketoacidosis, a potentially life-threatening condition common among people with type 1 diabetes," said Candida Rebello, a research scientist at Pennington Biomedical Research Center. "Exercise can help. Exercise takes care of the inflammation that leads to elevated blood glucose and the development and progression of diabetes and clinical depression," Rebello said.

The study, published in the journal Exercise and Sport Sciences Reviews, found that one solution is exercise.

Exercise can induce the release of circulating factors that mediate the anti-inflammatory response, support brain homeostasis, and increase insulin sensitivity, the researchers said.

"You don't have to run a mile or even walk a mile at a brisk pace. Walking slowly is also exercising," Rebello said.

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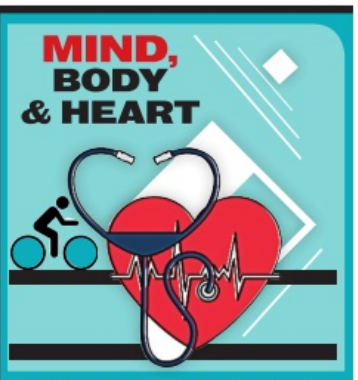


All you need to know about...

Oral Thrush

What is it?
The fungus candida albicans, or thrush, is a normal inhabitant of the mouth, intestine and the vagina. Normally the presence of other organisms hold it in check, but circumstances, such as a course of antibiotics, can kill off other inhabitants and free the candida up to overgrow.

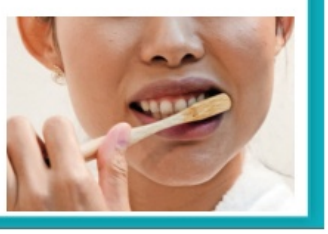
What are the symptoms?
Oral thrush causes creamy white lesions on your tongue and inner cheeks which when scraped off will reveal bleeding. You might also have an unpleasant taste in the mouth, pain inside your mouth, a sore tongue or sore gums, and difficulty eating and drinking.
In babies, thrush causes white patches on the tongue like cottage cheese, a refusal to feed and nappy rash.
Babies can pass oral thrush on through breastfeeding, causing nipple thrush in mothers.

What's the treatment? Oral thrush can be easily treated with a mouth gel from your pharmacy. The gel is suitable for adults, children and babies over the age of four months. A pharmacist will also give you a special cream for the candida nappy rash.

How do you prevent it for your baby?
Sterilise dummies and bottles carefully. Use a special cream at each nappy change

For yourself? Brush your teeth twice a day, clean your dentures, and go for regular check-ups even if you have dentures. Brush your gums and tongue with a soft toothbrush. Rinse your mouth after eating or taking medicine. Go for regular check-ups if you have a long-term condition such as diabetes. Don't wear your dentures during the night. Stop wearing dentures if they don't fit properly – see your dentist. Stop smoking.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror



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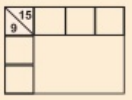
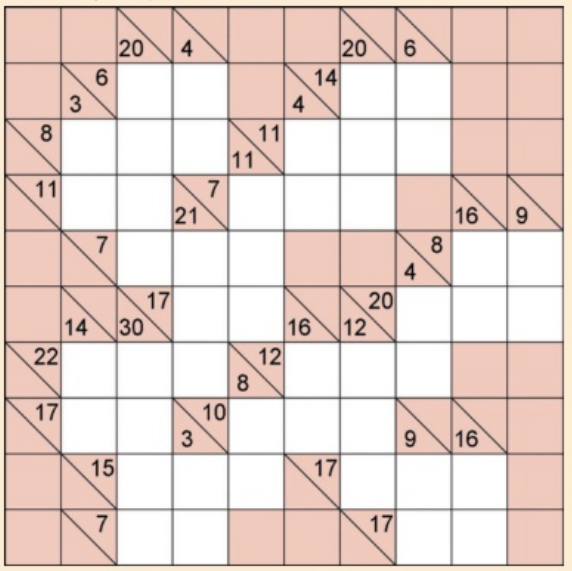


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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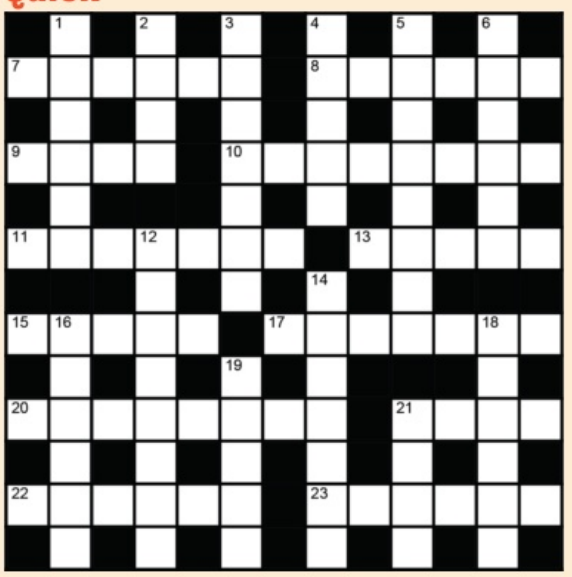


ACROSS

7 Capital of Manipur (6)
8 Scratches or scrapes (6)
9 Discover or unearth (4)
10 Immenseness or vastness (8)
11 An edible red stalk (7)
13 Sturdy (5)
15 Fixative for window (5)
17 Dole (7)
20 Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated on the 1st of ____ (8)
21 Adulate or adore (4)
22 Type of herbal tea (6)
23 Scandinavian–"in cord" anagram? (6)

DOWN

1 Late Mr. Puri of Bollywood (6)
2 Dull sound (4)
3 Musically bright (7)
4 Inuit house (5)
5 Agricultural worker (8)
6 Spouted or spurted out (6)
12 Incidentally (2,3,3)
14 Sounding discordantly (7)
16 Ideal place (6)
18 Reveal (6)
19 Flowed away (5)
21 Enticement (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS T

AJ JAO UTP T ZSAOX YJV-VTAR JZ BTAHLTHO QUTA QUO FOXPJA GUJ MOOFP USP VJLQU PULQ.

Linemaro

If loving you is wrong, I don't want to be right

Mindchow

A jug fills drop by drop

Joke of the day

Friends may come and go, but enemies tend to accumulate

Loop

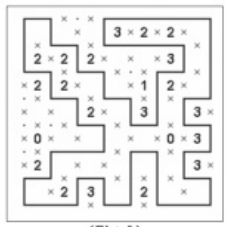
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

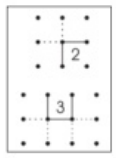
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

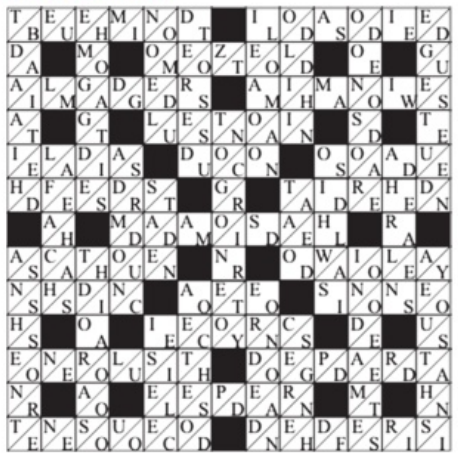


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				D
8				
9				

ACROSS

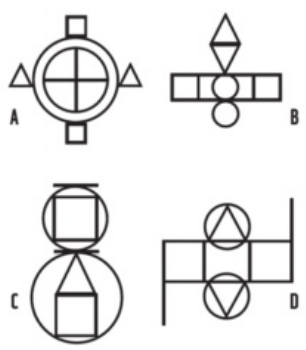
1 Steel; 6 Melon;
7 De Pun; 8 Gamer;
9 Reply

DOWN

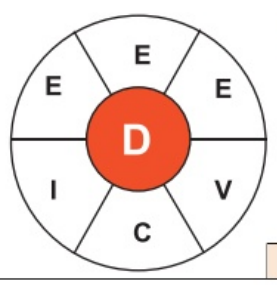
1 Lumps; 2 Leapt;
3 Me rye; 4 No gel;
5 E nerd

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

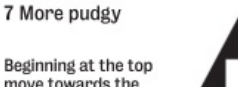
SudokuChallenge

	5	1				9	2	
		7	3		2	8		
				1				
	3	2	7		1	4	9	
1								6
	9	8	4		6	5	1	
				8				
		3	6		5	2		
	7	9				3	6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

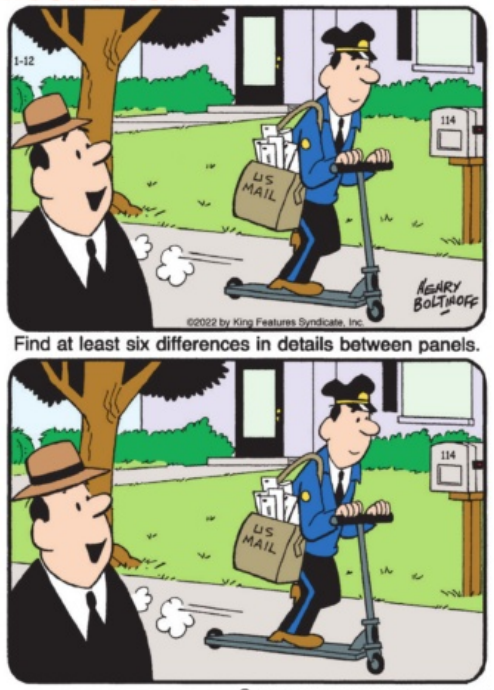


Easy = 27
1 8 9 9

Medium = 29
6 7 8 8

Hard = 5
1 4 4 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Window is wider. 2. Mailbox is higher. 3. Hat is larger. 4. Scooter is longer. 5. Shutter is missing. 6. Line in front walk is missing.

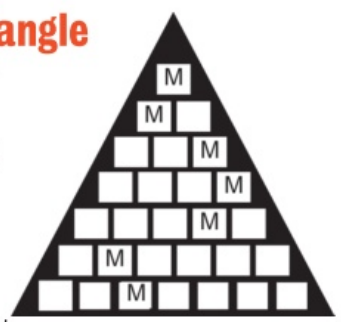
Riddler

In each sentence, an animal is concealed. Can you find them all?

1. What shall I do, Gertrude?
2. Asking nutty questions can be most annoying.
3. A gold key is not a common key.
4. Horace tries in school to be a very good boy.

Alpha triangle

1 Thirteenth letter
2 Do, re, _fa ....
3 Brink
4 Most proper
5 Chief or principal
6 Defiled
7 More pudgy



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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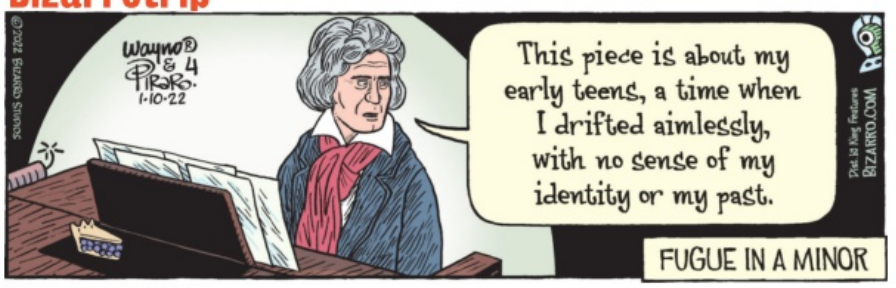
Wayno & Piraro 1-10-22
This piece is about my early teens, a time when I drifted aimlessly, with no sense of my identity or my past.
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Diamond Lil

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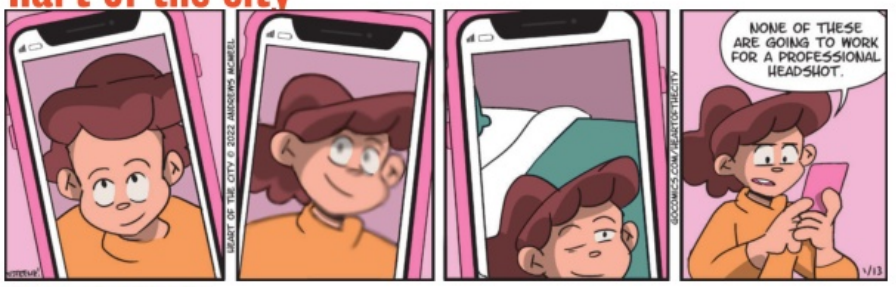
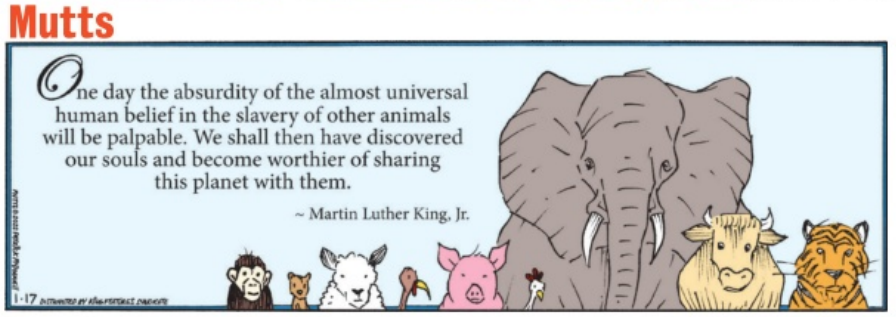


Crankshaft

I SEE YOU'RE STILL WATCHING 'A BRIDGERTON TOO FAR'!
I BURN FOR YOU!
I BURN FOR YOU AS WELL!
SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE A MATCH!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts


One day the absurdity of the almost universal human belief in the slavery of other animals will be palpable. We shall then have discovered our souls and become worthier of sharing this planet with them.
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are likely to control your internal weakness after analysing yourself; you may be confident. You may fight against addictions of any kind. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds will now have clarity in their relationship. You may expect some opportunity in overseas travel. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, disputes with siblings may settle down; it may boost your relationship with the siblings. Your vital force seems to be good; it may help you to complete difficult projects easily. You may expend your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help some needy person; it may increase your social status.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy in social and family events; you may become polite with the people around you which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money in buying some artefacts, other stuffs which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may experience some dissatisfaction; you may be under the self-exploration state; it may affect your current speed of the project or work in terms of delay. You may waste your precious time in worthless tasks. After late evening, things may be somehow better.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may escape from reality; you may not be able to fulfil your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elders' health may upset you. You may plan to reconstruct your house; it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may help needy people; it may increase your social respect. You may also put your hundred per cent effort in your work; and as a result, it may be completed before time. You may hear some good news from your siblings. Too much work may make you tired; you are advised to avoid stress today; otherwise, stress can affect your both professional and personal life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may get tired due to overworking. It may make you lazy and careless; you are advised to be patient. If you are planning for adventure tours; you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You may have backache, nervous system, liver-related issues and skin issues.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel better; situations may be under control. Your net- work may help you on the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase domestic harmony and love life. With the help of creativity; you may bring some artefacts or creative stuff for family. You may also plan for watching movies or go for outing with friends or family.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dull; your focus may be lost towards your targets, you may hypothetically take some decision, which may be seen beyond reality. Your expectations may be very high and because of impatience, you not able to fulfil your expectation; you may be upset. You are advised to be careful in adventure tours and rash driving.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, your creativity may be on high; you may plan to renovate house. You may buy some stuff to renovate your house or office which may increase social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It will create harmony in the domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may settle down.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, your creativity may be high, you may attend some creative event. Your money which was stuck may be recovered now. Job-seekers are advised to update their knowledge with latest one. Students are advised to input some more effort in their academics.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy in kids' academics; you may plan for their higher studies also. Couples may hear good news in terms of kid. You may make some plan for higher studies for getting a promotion in the current job. Singles may find their soulmate.

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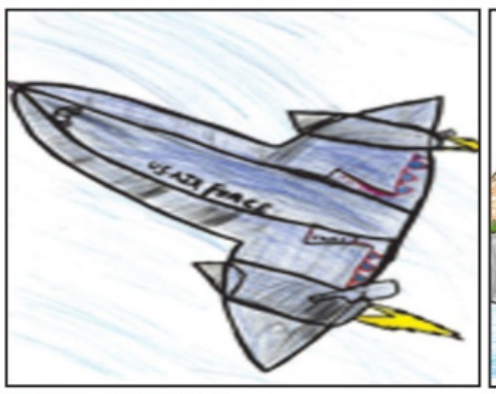

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
1434 – 964 = 470 = CDLXX

BULL'S EYE
cede, DECEIVE, develve, dice, dive, iced, ived

FAST FIVE

S	T	E	L	E
U	P	E	N	D
M	A	R	G	E
P	L	Y	E	R

QUOTE UNCODE
No one has a finer command of language than the person who keeps his mouth shut.

RIDDLER
1. Dog, 2. Gnu, 3. Monkey, 4. Beaver

STRIKE OUT

E	N	S	U	E	D	■	D	E	F	E	R	S	■	■
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
C, A, B and D all contain two circles, two squares, two straight lines and two triangles. In C there is only one triangle.

SUDOKU

3	5	1	8	6	7	9	2	4
9	6	7	3	4	2	8	5	1
2	8	4	5	1	9	6	7	3
6	3	2	7	5	1	4	9	8
1	4	5	2	9	8	7	3	6
7	9	8	4	3	6	5	1	2
5	2	6	9	8	3	1	4	7
4	1	3	6	7	5	2	8	9
8	7	9	1	2	4	3	6	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Mi, Rim, Prim, Prime, Impure, Dumpier.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 9 + 1 + 8 = 27
Hard
6 + 8 + 8 + 7 = 29
4 + 4 x 1 – 3 = 5

LOOP

KAKURO

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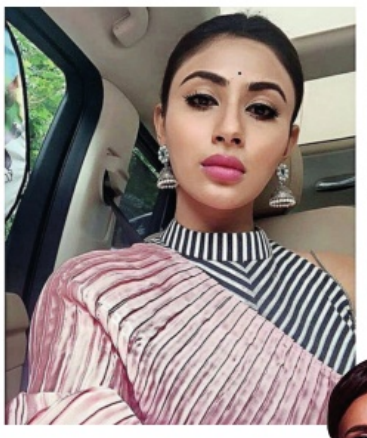
PRETTY PLEATS

B-Town divas are creating the perfect look with pleated sarees

The wedding season has officially begun and people look up to their favourite stars for inspiration. Saree has been an all-time favourite ensemble when it comes to wedding functions. Be it a sequin saree or a traditional Kanjeevaram, B-Town divas set trends with their ethnic looks. A pleated saree can be the perfect wedding look for you. Take a look at actors who dazzled in gorgeous pleated sarees.



Mouni Roy

Mouni Roy left her fans crushing over her festive look for Ganesha Utsav. She donned a pink pleated saree and looked drop-dead gorgeous. The actress finished her look with a monochrome halter neck blouse. She teamed it up with oxidised jhumkas and a small black bindi.

PIC: MOUNI ROY INSTAGRAM

Parineeti Chopra

Parineeti Chopra channelled her inner desi diva in a blush pink pleated saree. The actress teamed it up with a full-sleeved blouse in a matching shade with a round neckline. She accessorised the look with a gold band necklace, matching swirl-shaped earrings, and a ring. She captioned the post, "Cast me in a retro movie?"

PIC: PARINEETI CHOPRA INSTAGRAM

Deepika Padukone

Is there a summer wedding on your calendar? Deepika Padukone's multi-coloured pink, blue, green and yellow saree will add shine to your summer wardrobe. The actress styled it with a sleeveless blouse with a slightly high neck. She finished the look with blue-crystal earrings. The star styled her hair in a neat bun with a middle partition.

PIC: DEEPIKA PADUKONE INSTAGRAM

Shilpa Shetty

Shilpa Shetty looks stunning in a metallic silver pleated saree. She teamed it with a high-neck semi-sheer blouse. She accessorised the look with a diamond bracelet and a pair of earrings and rings. She rounded off her look with nude make-up, pin-straight hair and a pretty ivory clutch bag.

PIC: SHILPA SHETTY INSTAGRAM

Bhumi Pednekar

Bhumi Pednekar made heads turn in a gold-pleated saree with a high-neck blouse. The actress wore it with minimal jewellery, including a pair of gold-brown earrings, a bracelet and a ring. She went for a mauve lip shade and left her wavy hair with a side partition loose around her shoulder.

PIC: BHUMI PEDNEKAR INSTAGRAM

Akanksha is enjoying her Southern stint

Navigating an acting career between Hindi and South Indian films, Akanksha Singh has chosen the path less travelled to make her mark in South Indian movies. Her decision to portray meaty characters rather than rely on glamorous roles also seems to be paying off.

Akanksha has yet again garnered attention for her nuanced performance in the recently released movie 'Clap', a Tamil-Telugu bilingual sports drama. The actor told IANS it is the role rather than screen time that matters to her. "I don't want to be just there doing nothing on screen," Akanksha said. "Even if it's a five minute or a 10-minute role, I don't mind doing it if I know that it has potential for me to portray it well and that people will remember it. As an actor my job is done.

"So you give me a five-minute role, I will do it, and I'll make sure that you will remember it, if the story is nice, my character is nice. I don't want to go for any random thing. That's why I am going slow and steady."

In 'Clap', written and directed by Aditya Prithvi, Akanksha plays the role of lead actor Adi Pinisetty's wife. The movie is about an athlete who ends up getting handicapped in a mishap. **IANS**

All of India is Pooja's stage

Actor Pooja Hegde, who is riding on the success of 'Radhe Shyam' that also stars 'Bahubaali' fame Prabhas, says finding her fan base across the country wasn't her career strategy but just a co-incidence because she is only going with the flow.

Pooja made her debut in Bollywood opposite Hritik Roshan in 'Mohenjo Daro' in 2016. However, she became a star in the south with a string of successful films like 'Oka Laila Kosam', 'Duvvada Jagannadham', 'Aravinda Sametha Veera Raghava', 'Maharshi' and 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo'.

Now that 'Radhe Shyam' is released in multiple languages and she is getting praised, Pooja said language never stopped her from connecting with fans, rather it has empowered her. Pooja told IANS: "When I started working in south Indian films, I was just going with the flow without strategising much. It is a blessing that the audience has accepted me in every region. 'Radhe Shyam' is an important film for me because it's a multi-lingual movie.

"I worked hard on my character too. Earlier, people would say that I have a strong screen presence and that I am 'beautiful'. I think that was more of a compliment for my parents because I got my good looks and physic from them. My acting and my contribution to a successful film makes me happy and satisfie. It fuels my energy to do more," she said. **IANS**